(c) whether Government propose to increase the time of these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras broadcast|telecast programmes on the occasion of birth and death anniversaries of National Leaders. However, the details of total time spent on such programmes is not kept centrally in a compiled form.

(c) As the broadcast|telecast of such programmes depend upon the extent of public observance of such anniversaries in the programme zones of different AIR Stations| Doordarshan Kendras, no specific time is apportioned for these programmes.

Vacant posts in the Ministry of Agriculture

3295. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Agriculture from 1984-85 till January, 1988;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up of these posts so far;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) the details of remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of Type II quarters for Central Government Employees

3296. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of Government accommodation for Central Government employees in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of houses constructed during the period between 1st January, 1984 and 31st December, 1987 year-wise;

(c) what is the number of houses proposed to be constructed for Central Government Employees during 1988-89 year-wise and type-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that employees entitled for Type-II category are lagging behind and are the main sufferers; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons due to which Government do not get type II category of flats constructed much more than the flats to be constructed for other categories to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, it is not a fact.

(e) Does not arise.

हरिजन महिलाओं की दुर्दशा

3297. **श्री शांति त्यागी**: क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अभी भी देश के अनेक भागों में हरिजन महिलाओं को कूड़ा करकट और मैल अपने सिरों पर ढोना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कुप्रथा को समाप्त करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्रीमती सुमति ओरांव): (क) और (ख) हाथ से मैला उठाने के उन्मूलन की सरकारी नीति विख्यात है। इस प्रथा की कमी में प्रगति तो हुई है, किन्तु सरकार इसे पूरे तौर से समाप्त करना चाहती है। इस उद्देश्य को ध्यान में रख कर, प्रधान मंत्री ने इस प्रथा के उन्मूलन के प्रभावी उपायों के लिए 10-2-87 को सभी मुख्य मंत्रियों/उप-राज्यपालों तथा केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों को भी लिखा था।

भारत सरकार ने शुष्क शौचालयों को जलधारित शौचालयों मे बदल कर सफाई कर्मचारियो की मुक्ति की एक योजना चलाई है। जहां शहरी विकास मंत्रालय ने बड़े नगरो के समावेश की योजनायें बनाई हैं, वहीं कल्याण मंत्रालय ने, "समग्र नगर उपागम" आधार पर छोटे और मध्यम नगरों में यह कार्यक्रम चलाया है। ग्रामीण विकास विभाग भी इस कार्यक्रम को ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों मे चला रहा है। इस प्रकार विमुक्त सफाई कर्मचारियों को अन्य व्यवसायों में पुनर्वासित किया जा रहा है।

Scheduled castes benefited by 20-point programme in Orissa

3298. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Scheduled Castes benefited by 20-point programme in Orissa during the last three years upto the 31st Jan. 88;

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes persons who are still living below the poverty line in Orissa; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring them above the poverty line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) During the last three years (from February, 1985 to January, 1988) 38.2 per cent of the total Scheduled Caste families (as per 1981 Census) in the State got financial assistance under 20 Point Programme.

(b) Information relating to number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe persons who are still living below the poverty line in the State is not available.

(c) The steps being taken to bring them above the poverty line include formulation of Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes, mobilising adequate resources. Economic assistance is being provided to them under family-oriented income-generating schemes under IRDP, ERJP and even non-IRDP programmes/schemes. Assistance to small and marginal farmers and composite programmes for the main occupational groups among the Scheduled Castes like weavers, leather workers fishermen, cultivators, sericulturists have also been taken up to bring them above the poverty line.

Inclusion of Physio Therapy and Occupational Therapy in rehabilitation courses

3299. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rehabilitation Council has standardised the courses in Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Health has requested the Welfare Ministry not to include Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy in Rehabilitation Courses; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which these courses have been standardised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) The Rehabilitation Council was constituted under Executive Order with the concurrence of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare who had agreed that physiotherapists and occupational therapists may also be included in the said Council. The Council accordingly circulated a model course for adoption by institutions under the Ministry of Welfare imparting training in Physiotherapy and occupational therapy which are essential in the work of rehabilitation. Subsequently the Ministry of Welfare propose to provide a statutory basis to the Rehabilitation Council. The Ministry of Health was consulted in the drafting of the Bill and they advised to keep physiotherapists and occupational therapists outside the Council to be set up by the legislation. The Bill has not been finalised.